



CROWN Memorandum

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TO: ESRD Executive Directors, ESRD Data Managers, Regional Project Officers
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SUBJECT: CMS Reported Deaths – New Policy

Effective with the July 2002 release of SIMS, ESRD Networks have the ability to create a Death Event for patients with previous loss in SIMS who has had a death reported to CMS from the Enrollment Data Base (EDB). These deaths are reported to the Networks via CMS for patients with the last recorded event in SIMS of recovered function or lost to follow up (LTFU). The date of death must be at least 30 days post reported LTFU.

CMS will notify the Networks of records that have been rejected because the SIMS record reflects a living status while REBUS/REMIS has evidence that the patient is already dead. The Networks will be required to create a death event for these patients.

CMS needs to have these patient deaths reported in SIMS as the database of record when REMIS comes online. SIMS will create a new provider number of CMSDTH to be used for these CMS identified deaths. The modality for these records should be reported as “Unknown”. If a 2746 is received later (no matter when) the Networks shall correct the patient record with the actual provider information.